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Historic Preservation Fund budget update

There is a continuing resolution to fund most federal government programs at FY 2016 levels through April 28, 2017. The proposals for HPF funding for FY 17 (October 1, 2016-September 30, 2017) are:

Historic Preservation Fund:	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2017	FY 2017
	Final	President	House	Senate
States	\$ 46.925*	\$ 46.925	\$ 47.925	\$ 47.925
Tribes	9.985	11.985	11.985	9.985
Underrepresented communities grants	.500	.500	.500	.500
Civil Rights Movement initiative	8.000	25.000	11.000	9.000
Historic Black Colleges/Universities		3.000	3.000	
Save America's Treasures grants			5.000	

TOTALS \$ 65.410 \$ 87.410 \$ 67.410

Preservation Advocacy Week in Washington, D.C. is March 14-16, 2017. Preservation Action has prepared briefing papers on the Historic Preservation Fund, state and tribal historic preservation offices, the Congressional Historic Preservation Caucus, and the federal historic tax credit. They can be found at http://www.preservationaction.org/advocacy-week/. It is important for Alaska's Congressional delegation to know of historic preservation projects in the state and the benefits of the program.

150th anniversary of the Alaska Treaty of Cession

Special events are planned in Washington, D.C., Sitka, Kodiak, Juneau, and other places around Alaska for March 30, 2017, the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Alaska Treaty of Cession. The evening performance that day by Wild Shore New Music, an Alaska chamber group, at the William G. McGowan Theater in the National Archives, scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time will be live streamed at http://www.youtube.com/user/usnationalarchives. Information about all the March 30 events and others planned through the year is at http://alaskahistoricalsociety.org/about-ahs/150treaty/calendar/.

The eight-panel 1860s Alaska travelling exhibit prepared by the History and Archaeology and Interpretation and Design offices, Alaska Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation, is available for community organizations, libraries, and schools to borrow for a three-week period. More information about the panels and how to request them for exhibit is at

http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/designations/150Anniversary

Alaska Highway and Dutch Harbor 75th anniversary commemorations being planned

The Public Information Office, Northern Region, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities has been hosting teleconferences to coordinate plans to commemorate the 75th anniversary of construction of the Alaska Highway. There are plans for activities at Delta Junction with the assistance of folks from Fort Greely on June 3 or 10, at Anchorage on July 1, and at Tok on July 4, 2017. The forthcoming edition of *The Milepost* will have a two-page special on the anniversary, Festival Fairbanks and Explore Fairbanks are getting banners for Airport Way in Fairbanks, a group is working on a project to have a monument in Anchorage, and the Anchorage School District plans to develop curriculum materials about the construction of the highway and the workers who built it. For more information about the commemoration plans contact Meadow Bailey, meadow.bailey@alaska.gov, or local Chambers of Commerce and visitor organizations in Tok, Delta Junction, and Fairbanks.

The National Park Service and Ounalashka Corporation are planning events for the first weekend of June to commemorate the 75th anniversaries of the Japanese bombing of Dutch Harbor and evacuation of the Unangan people from the Aleutian Islands to camps in southeast Alaska that followed shortly after the attack. For more information on the plans contact Rachel Mason, rachel mason@nps.gov.

Office of History and Archaeology annual workshop will be April 4

The annual Office of History and Archaeology workshop has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 4, 2017, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. in Anchorage at the Atwood Building, 550 West 7th Avenue, 1st Floor Conference

^{*} Figures are in millions.

Room 104. The agenda includes presentations on curation, archaeological districts, the agenda of the American Cultural Resources Association (ACRA), the state historic preservation plan, and updates on the AHRS and other programs. More information is

at http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/trainings. Space is limited, so early registration is encouraged.

National Park Service updates

The National Register, National Historic Landmarks, and Technical Preservation Services program offices are moving in the next few months to the Main Interior Building, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20240. The NPS will provide more specific dates when they are determined, but those who send things by courier delivery service should be watching for the change to update the delivery address. If you have questions, contact Edson Beall, 202.354.2255 / edson_beall@nps.gov.

The application period is open for Tribal Heritage Grants to assist Indian Tribes, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiian organizations protect and promote their cultural heritage and traditions. The application deadline is March 24, 2017. For more information, contact Madeline Konz, 202.354.2064 / madeline konz@nps.gov.

The NPS Midwest Archeological Center is hosting a workshop, Current Archeological Prospection Advances for Non-destructive Investigations of the Pea Ridge Civil War Battlefield, May 15-19, 2017, at the Pea Ridge National Military Park, Arkansas. The workshop will address the use of geophysical, aerial photography, and other remote sensing methods as they apply to the identification, evaluation, conservation, and protection of archaeological resources. The application is available at http://www.nps.gov/mwac; and more information is available from Steve DeVore, 402.437.5392, ext. 141 / steve-de-vore@nps.gov.

The NPS Heritage Documentation Programs (Historic American Buildings Survey, Historic American Engineering Record, and Historic Landscapes Survey) opened the competitions for the 2017 Charles E. Peterson Prize, Leicester B. Holland Prize, and the American Landscapes Survey Challenge. The Peterson Prize recognizes the best sets of architectural measured drawings produced by college students and submitted for the Historic American Buildings Survey Collection at the Library of Congress. The Holland Prize, open to students and professionals, recognizes the best single sheet drawing of a site to honor excellence in delineation and composition. The landscape challenge is a short formal historical report competition, this year to document a historic city or town park. More information about each is available at http://www.nps.gov/hdp.

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation news

The Advisory Council has opened registration for its spring 2017 Section 106 Webinar Series. New courses include a beginner level program, "Documentation and e-106;" intermediate level programs, "Planning to Involve the Public in Section 106" and "Responding to Anticipatory Demolition Concerns;" and an advanced level program on "Thinking Big: Tailoring Section 106 for Federal Programs." All courses, dates, program descriptions, and registration information is at www.achp.gov/sec106webinar.html.

With the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Advisory Council has created a Secretary's Award for Excellence in Historic Preservation. The award, to be given annually, is to recognize successful historic preservation efforts with affordable housing and community revitalization. Nominations for the 2017 award are due March 27, 2017. More information about the

award and submitting nominations is at https://www.huduser.gov/portal/sites/default/files/pdf/HUD-Sec-Award-excellence-historic-preservation-2017.pdf.

Sacred sites training video

The U.S. Department of Justice has prepared a training video on sacred sites for federal employees and contractors, but with a lot of good information for everyone. The video runs a little over an hour and can be accessed from https://www.justice.gov/tribal/video/sacred-sites-training-video

Alaska Association for Historic Preservation news

The Alaska Association for Historic Preservation is calling for nominations for its 2017 Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties List. The nomination form may be found at www.aahp-online.net or by sending a request to akpreservation@gmail.com. The deadline to submit a nomination is March 31, 2017.

This Place Matters Alaska map

The Office of History and Archaeology has #ThisPlaceMatters Alaska, an interactive map with photos of historic properties around the state on its website at http://arcg.is/1TvQiht. To submit a place and photo, go to bit.ly/AKThisPlaceMatters

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PUBLIC PROJECT ALERTS:

Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities / Sterling Highway MP 45-60 Project (Quartz Creek Road to Skilak Lake Road in the Cooper Landing area), draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and draft Section 4(f) Evaluation

Project information: www.sterlinghighway.net

Bureau of Land Management

 $\label{lem:planning} \textbf{Final planning rule including regulations and NEPA documentation:}$

www.blm.gov/plan2

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers / Donlin Gold Project draft Environmental Impact Statement Project information: www.donlingoldeis.com

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission / Guidelines for Reporting Cultural Resources Investigations for Pipeline Projects (Docket AD15-10-000), www.ferc.gov

Deadline for comments: March 26, 2017

Contact: Eric Howard, Tribal Coordinator, 202.502.8258 / 866.208.3676 /

eric.howard@ferc.gov

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission / Alaska Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) project (Docket number PF 14-21), http://www.ferc.gov

Contact: 202.502.8258 / efiling@ferc.gov

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission / Grant Lake Hydroelectric Project (Project No. P-13212-005), http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp

Contact: Kenneth Hogan, 202.502.2375 / kenneth.hogan@ferc.gov

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PRESERVATION CALENDAR:

February 27-March 2 Alaska Anthropological Association annual meeting, Fairbanks (https://www.alaskaanthropology.org/annual-meeting/)

March 14-16 National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers Annual Meeting and Preservation Advocacy Week, Washington, DC (Ted Monoson, 202.624.5476 / monoson@ncshpo.org)

March 24 National Park Service, Tribal Heritage Grants application deadline (Madeline Konz, 202.354.2064 / Madeline Konz@nps.gov)

March 31 Alaska Association for Historic Preservation, 2017 Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties nomination deadline (Allegra Hamer, 907.929.9870 / akpreservation@gmail.com)

April 18-20 National Center for Preservation Technology and Training, 3D Digital Documentation Summit, NewOrleans, LA (NCPTT, 318.356.7444 / www.ncptt.nps.gov)

April 24 National Preservation Institute: Renewable Energy Development: Impacts on Cultural Resources seminar, Anchorage, AK (Jere Gibber, 703.765.0100 / info@npi.org)

April 25-26 National Preservation Institute: Cultural and Natural Resources: An Integrated Management Strategy seminar, Anchorage, AK (Jere Gibber, 703.765.0100 / info@npi.org)

April 27-28 National Preservation Institute: Native American Cultural Property Law seminar, Anchorage, AK (Jere Gibber, 703.765.0100 / info@npi.org)

April 30 National Park Service, Leicester B. Holland Prize entries forms due (http://www.nps.gov/hdp/competitions/holland.htm)

May 1-3 National Trust for Historic Preservation, Main Street Now 2017 Conference, Pittsburgh, PA (National Main Street Center, Inc., 312.610.5611 / mainstreet@savingplaces.org)

May 15-19 National Park Service, Current Archeological Prospection Advances for Non-destructive Investigations workshop, Pea Ridge National Military Park, AR (Steven DeVore, 402.437.5392, ext. 141 / steve_de_vore@nps.com)

June 15-19 Mining History Association, 28th annual conference, Fairbanks, AK (Eric Nystrom, eric.nystrom@asu.edu)

June 30 National Park Service, Peterson Prize 2017 Measured Drawings Student Competition submissions due (Mark Schara, 202.354.2166 / mark schara@nps.gov)

June 30 National Park Service, Leicester B. Holland Prize completed entries due (http://www.nps.gov/hdp/competitions/holland.htm)

July 31 National Park Service, 2017 Historic American Landscapes Survey Challenge: Documenting City or Town Parks submission deadline (Chris Stevens, 202.354.2146 / <u>Chris Stevens@nps.gov</u>)

September 6-9 American Association for State and Local History 2017 annual meeting: I AM History, Austin, TX (Bethany Hawkins, 615.320.3203 / hawkins@aaslh.org)

September 27-30 Alaska Historical Society / Museums Alaska annual meetings and conference, Anchorage (Adam Baldwin, 907.929.9254 / abaldwin@anchoragemuseum.org)

November 8-10 International Conference on Cultural Heritage and New Technologies, Vienna, Austria (Wolfgang Borner, #43(0)1 4000 81176 wolfgang.boerner@stadtarchaeologie.at

